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Title: Method and Apparatus for Tracking Speakers in an Audio Stream

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Applicants hereby request a one-month extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action, dated August 27, 2002, hereby extending the period for response to the Office Action from November 27, 2002 to December 27, 2002.

A copy of the Amendment and Response to Office Action is enclosed herewith. Please charge **IBM Corporation's Deposit Account No. 50-0510** the amount of \$110.00, to cover the surcharge under 37 CFR §1.136(a). In the event of non-payment or improper payment of a required fee, the Commissioner is authorized to charge or to credit **Deposit Account No. 50-0510** as required to correct the error. Duplicate copies of this letter are enclosed.

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